

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

ATTY DOCKET No. P64258US1

I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following company: 3M Innovative Properties Company
and the title of my position with said company is: President and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel
The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said company.

Name of Patentee(s): 3M Innovative Properties Company

Patent Number: 5,687,767

Date Patent Issued: November 18, 1997

Title of Invention: UNI-DIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole or joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

UNI-DIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

the specification of which: (check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on November 15, 1999, as reissue application number 09/442,082, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below.

- by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
- by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
- by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

In claims 1, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15, by reciting that "the cantilevered flexible flap is 'mounted between' the respective sealing surface of the valve seat", 'mounted between' being believed to render the patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid as being indefinite and not in accordance with the detailed description of the invention.

All errors corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

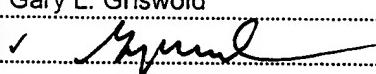
POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the following attorneys (Registration No.) to prosecute this application, receive and act on instructions from my agent, and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. HARVEY B. JACOBSON, JR. (20,851); D. DOUGLAS PRICE (24,514); JOHN CLARKE HOLMAN (22,769); MARVIN R. STERN (20,640); ALLEN S. MELSER (27,215); MICHAEL R. SLOBASKY (26,421); JONATHAN L. SGHERER (29,851); IRWIN M. AISENBERG (19,007); WILLIAM E. PLAYER (31,409); YOON S. HAM (45,307); NATHANIEL A. HUMPHRIES (22,772) and LINDA J. SHAPIRO (28,264).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name, the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed at 201 below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below at 201-203, or on additional sheets attached hereto) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,687,767 granted November 18, 1997, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

is attached hereto. was filed as reissue application Serial No. 09/442,082 filed November 15, 1999

(if applicable) and amended on August 30, 2000

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I verify believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below: said excess in the claims being specified below. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

9515986

(Number)

United Kingdom

(Country)

26 July 1996

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.

Filing Date

Application No.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 201	SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 202*	SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 203*
DATE 26th June 2001	DATE	DATE

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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

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I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with CUSTOMER NUMBER 20,121 as having Power of Attorney to prosecute this application and transact all related business before the USPTO, and I direct that all correspondence be sent to the address associated with that Customer Number.

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Full name of person signing	Gary L. Griswold
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